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FOL RCVD FROM RECIFE 10 OCT 74 SENT ACTION BRASILIA BEING
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C O N F I D E N T I A L RECIFE 0199

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS BR CPRS (MORRIS, FREDERICK)

SUBJECT: SEVENTH INTERVIEW WITH AMCIT MORRIS

1. MORRIS INFORMED ME THAT THE VENTILATION HOLE IN HIS CELL HAD BEEN CLOSED OFF AGAIN LAST NIGHT. I ASKED COL MEZIAT TO CHECK INTO THE PROBLEM WITH A VIEW TO HAVING IT CORRECTED. MEZIAT NODDED IN AGREEMENT. ALL OTHER REQUESTS FOR BETTER PHYSICAL TREATMENT WERE BEING MET, SUCH AS, BETTER FOOD, BOOKS, A BED, EYEDROPS, ETC.

2. HE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN INTERROGATED FOR ABOUT FIVE CONSECUTIVE HOURS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. HE HAD TO STAND DURING THAT PERIOD WITH A RUBBER BLINDFOLD AROUND HIS HEAD. I NOTED THAT HIS NOSE BRIDGE DID APPEAR RED AND HE ATTRIBUTED IT TO THE TIGHTNESS OF THE BLINDFOLD.

3. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT THE INTERROGATOR YESTERDAY WAS SOMEONE "COMPLETELY NEW" WHO HAD NEVER QUESTIONED HIM BEFORE. MORRIS SAID THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES WAS ONE OF
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THE MAIN TOPICS OF THE INTERROGATOR. MORRIS SAID HE WAS NOT THAT

FAMILIAR WITH THE SUBJECT TO BE ABLE TO ANSWER VERY MANY OF THE QUESTIONS. OTHER QUESTIONS RELATED TO HIS ASSOCIATION WITH DOM HELDER CAMARA, HIS POSITION INSIDE HIS OWN METHODIST CHURCH, HIS PERSONAL LIFE AND FINANCIAL STATUS. THE SESSION WAS CONCLUDED, HE SAID WITH THE SAME OFFER MADE EARLIER THAT HE HAD TWO CHOICES: TO CONFESS TO BEING A COMMUNIST OR TO BEING A CIA AGENT. HE SAID HE REFUSED TO ACCEPT EITHER CHOICE.

4. I INQUIRED OF HIS BRUISES AND CUTS. HE SAID THE BRUISE ON HIS RIGHT HIP HAD ALMOST DISAPPEARED AND THAT THE LARGE BRUISE ON THE LEFT BUTTOCK WAS FADING RAPIDLY. HE SAID THAT HE WAS GIVEN NO MEDICATED MASSAGE YESTERDAY, ALTHOUGH A DOCTOR DID EXAMINE HIM. MORRIS' LEFT WRIST IS RETURNING TO NORMAL, BUT HE STILL COMPLAINS OF NUMBNESS IN THE FINGERS OF HIS HANDS.

5. I DELIVERED A LETTER DATED OCT 5 WHICH HIS PARENTS HAD WRITTEN TO HIM. COL MEZIAT ALLOWED HIM TO READ IT AND RETURNED IT TO ME. MORRIS SEEMED TOUCHED BY ITS CONTENTS AND ASKED THAT HIS PARENTS BE INFORMED OF HIS AFFECTION AND DEEP APPRECIATION.

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